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NEWS RELEASE

IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION WORKSHOPS FOR VETERANS HELD THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA

SACRAMENTO, JUNE 13, 2006 – California Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary Tom Johnson, joined by State and Consumer Services Agency Secretary Rosario Marin and Department of Consumer Affairs Director Charlene Zettel, today kicked off a series of public workshops designed to give California veterans the tools they will need to protect their identity and personal information following the recent security breach at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs which compromised the personal information of more than 26 million American veterans and active duty soldiers and sailors.

"These men and women put their life on the line to protect this country and state and it's our responsibility to provide them with the information they need to protect themselves from possible identity theft," said Johnson. "We will be hosting with the State and Consumer Services Agency and the Office of Privacy Protection a series of workshops throughout California to provide as many veterans with the tool and information they need to protect their identity."

"California has some of the strongest privacy protection laws in the country, and the nation's first Office of Privacy Protection," said Marin. "We are uniquely positioned to help California's veterans reduce their risk of identity theft."

ADDITIONAL WORKSHOPS WILL BE HELD IN THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2006 – Lafayette and Santa Maria

Lafayette Auditorium
3780 Mt. Diablo Boulevard (Corrected)
Lafayette, CA
10:00 a.m.; 1:00 p.m.

Santa Maria City Hall
City Council Chambers
110 E. Cook Street
Santa Maria, CA
1:00 p.m.; 4:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2006 – Los Angeles

Bob Hope Patriotic Hall
1816 S. Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, CA
10:00 a.m.; 1:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2006 – San Diego and Fresno

San Diego State Building

1350 Front Street

San Diego, CA

10:00 a.m.; 1:00 p.m.

VFW Post 8900

3585 N. Blythe Avenue

Fresno, CA

4:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2006 – Clovis

Clovis Veterans Memorial Bldg.

453 Hughes Avenue

Clovis, CA

10:00 a.m.

Additional information regarding the Identity Theft Prevention Workshops can be obtained by contacting the California Office of Privacy Protection toll-free at (866) 785-9663 or on their website at www.privacy.ca.gov/nr/vet_workshops.htm.

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